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What the Dickens

An Introduction to a Writer's Life and Imagination

2012 marks the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens. This exhibition is designed to introduce visitors to his work, by providing a multi-sensory experience of text, image, and sound.

On the walls you will read a candid account of Dickens's personal and professional life, revealing both his triumphs and tragedies. It is accompanied by some well-known images to help you visualise the man, his family, and his circle of friends.

In the cases you will explore a selection of publications by Dickens, and other objects. These give an idea of the work he produced and the extent of his fame.

There is also a selection of songs from Dickens's day, which were either his own favourites, or which appeared in his work.

A video presentation features three short silent film adaptations of key Dickens works, to show you how vivid his characters were, and how his stories are so evocative and dramatic that they require very little commentary to be understood.

The exhibition ends with a large-format reproduction of a painting, *Dickens's Dream*, which provides a representation of how Dickens himself might have seen his wonderful characters, how alive and omnipresent they were to him, and, as we come to appreciate his genius, to all of us.

Leon Litvack

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